

## GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

### ABSTRACT

Public Services – Treasuries and Accounts Department – Pension Payment Offices, Hyderabad – Fraudulent drawal of pensions by Sri Md.Ashfaq, formerly private receipt writer O/o APPO, Chandrayanagutta and Md. Ibrahim Khaleel, Controller, APSRTC, Barkatpura to a tune of Rs.20.00 lakhs – Departmental Proceedings initiated against Retired Officers/in Service Officers of PPO Unit of Treasuries and Accounts Department - Appointment of Inquiry Authority and Presenting Officer – Orders – Issued.

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### FINANCE (ADMN.I.VIG.) DEPARTMENT

**G.O.Rt.No. 4513**

**Dated:19-11-2008**

**Read the following:-**

1. DTA Lr.No.K5/22856/2001, dt. 17-6-2003.
2. Govt. D.O.Lr.No.13365-A/42/Admn.I.Vig/2003, dt. 21-10-2003.
3. DTA Charge Memo.No.K5/22856/2001-3, dt. 14-02-2004  
issued to Sri S.M.Ishaqui, AAO (now retired).
4. DTA Charge Memo.No.K5/22856/2001-5, dt. 14-02-2004  
issued to Sri N.Brahmanandam, JAO (now retired).
5. DTA Charge Memo.No.K5/22856/2001-7, dt. 14-02-2004  
issued to Smt. Noorus Saba Qureshi, APPO (now retired).
6. Defence Statement of Sri S.M.Ishaqui, AAO (Retd.), dt. 26-6-2006
7. Defence Statement of Smt. Noorus Sabha Qureshi, A.O. (Retd.) dt. 24-7-2006.
8. Defence Statement of N.Brahmanandam, JAO (Retd.) dt. 22-7-2006.
9. APAT Order dt.11-3-2008 in O.A.No.1932/2008,  
filed by Sri S.M.Ishaqui, AAO (Retd.).
10. APAT Order dt.13-2-2008 in O.A.No.7131/2007  
filed by Smt.Noorus Sabha Qureshi, A.O. (Retd.).
11. APAT Order dt.13-2-2008 in O.A.No.6283/2007  
filed by Sri N.Brahmanandam, JAO (Retd.).
12. A.P.High Court orders dated 29-10-2008 in W.P.M.P.No.30498/2008  
in W.P.No.23410/2008.
13. A.P.High Court orders dated 29-10-2008 in W.P.M.P.No.30506/2008  
in W.P.No.23417/2008.
14. A.P.High Court orders dated 05-11-2008 in W.P.M.P.No.31471/2008  
in W.P.No.24146/2008.
15. G.A.(CoI.R) Department U.O.No.1787/CoI.R/2008-1, dt.04-11-2008.
- 16.DTA Lr.No.K.II (8)/22856/2001, dated 11-11-2008.
- 17.G.O.Rt.No.4512, Finance (Admn.I) Department, dated 19-11-2008.

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### ORDER:

The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, reported that a case of fraudulent drawals took place in the offices of Assistant Pension Payment Officers, Chandrayangutta, Motigally, Nampally, Punjagutta and Narayanaguda. This came to light when the Banjara Hills Police have nabbed two culprits – Sri Md.Ashfaq and Sri Ibrahim Khaleel. The preliminary reports indicated that the said Sri Mohd Ashfaq, who worked earlier as pension receipt writer at the O/o the APPO, Chandrayanagutta made use of his knowledge of pension payment procedures and his contacts with the staff of the office of different APPOs and resorted to fraudulent drawls by adopting dubious means. The enquiries have revealed that the culprits used to make representations in name of the deceased pensioners, and get the addressed changed and change the bank of the pensioners and drew the amounts fraudulently. The Police investigations revealed that the culprits have resorted to this fraud in about 30 cases. On the request of the police the probable amount of those fraudulent drawals has been estimated to be Rs.20,54,000/-. A criminal case in this matter has been registered in the Banjara Hills Police Station and it is under investigation. On detection of this fraud, the department undertook a detailed verification of those 30 Pension Payment Orders and it is found that the Assistant Pension Payment Officers have allowed the

change of bank merely based on the option form or a representation received in the name of the pensioner and credited the pension to the new bank account without following the prescribed procedure. The descriptive rolls were changed by affixing the photographs of the fake pensioners. The Assistant Pension Payment Officers concerned have failed to keep the safe-custody of the records. This has given scope for the culprits and those who were in connivance with them to have easy access and commit the fraud. The Charged Officers failed to follow the procedure prescribed in SRs.64 to 87 under TR.16 of A.P.Treasury Code. Vol-I and the procedure prescribed in G.O.Ms. No.213, Finance & Planning (FW PSC) Department, dated.19-12-1997 and instructions issued thereon from time to time and thus, they have not only given scope for these fraudulent drawals but also helped the culprits to continuously draw them over a period of time. They have not followed appropriate procedure in obtaining the life-certificates, descriptive rolls and in filing them in the files concerned. These failures have paved the way for the culprits to tamper with the records of the office and to resort to the fraudulent drawals.

2. Departmental Proceedings were initiated against the following personnel of PPO Unit of Treasuries and Accounts Department who were found responsible for the irregularities and for their failure to follow the procedure prescribed in SRs.64 to 87 under TR.16 of A.P.Treasury Code. Vol-I and the procedure prescribed in G.O.Ms No.213, Finance & Planning (FW PSC) Department, dated.19-12-1997 and instructions issued thereon from time to time vide references 3 to 11 read above among others.

1. Sri S.M.Ishaqui, AAO (now retired)
2. Smt. N.S.Qureshi, APPO (now retired)
3. Sri N.Brahmanandam, JAO (now retired)

3. The above Charged Officers have furnished their written Statements of Defence on the charges framed against them vide references 6th to 8th read above. The Written Statements of Defence of the above Charged Officers were examined thoroughly and found that their defence statements are not convincing. Hence, the Government have decided to conduct a regular common enquiry as per the procedure laid down under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Since a common inquiry has to be ordered in this case to elicit the truth against all the 44 charged officers involved in this case, the disciplinary authority could not proceed with further action as majority of the Charged Officers did not submit their written statement of defence and insisted for certain original documents which were seized by the police and copies of certain documents.

4. In the references 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> read above, the above individuals have filed O.As. before Hon'ble APAT and the Hon'ble APAT in their common order dated. 13-2-2008 in O.A.No.7131/2007 & 6283/2007, held that, "there shall not be any further delay in referring the matter to the Commissioner of Enquires to proceed with the enquiry against all the officers concerned. Therefore, the respondents shall forthwith proceed with the appointment of the Enquiry Officer or refer the matter to the Commissioner of Enquiries and the respondents shall conclude the disciplinary proceedings against the applicants herein within a period of six months from the date of the receipt of these orders and pass final orders. If for any reasons, the respondents are not concluding the disciplinary proceedings within the specified time, as far as the applicants are concerned, the disciplinary proceedings should be deemed to have been dropped" and also extended the same order in O.A.No.1932/2008, filed by Sri S.M.Ishaqui, AAO (Retd.).

5. As this is a case of large-scale misappropriation of public money, the orders of the Hon'ble APAT are unjustified and against wider public interest. Further, as there was a criminal case pending in this case and if the departmental proceedings are treated as deemed to be dropped as per the order of APAT, it will be caused serious prejudice to the departmental proceedings and further this is detrimental to the criminal proceedings too. Aggrieved with the orders APAT, Writ Petitions were filed before Hon'ble High Court of

A.P. The Hon'ble High Court pleased to grant interim suspension of the orders of APAT in the references 12 to 14 read above.

6. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, Government hereby appoint Sri Janak Raj, IPS (Retd.) Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department as Inquiry Authority to inquire into the charges framed against the above Charged Officers of Treasury and Accounts Department and in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Rule (5) of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 hereby appoint Sri Jagan Mohan Goud, Joint Director of Treasuries and Accounts O/o the Director General, Dr. MCR HRDI, Hyderabad as the Presenting Officer.

7. The Inquiry Authority is requested to complete the enquiry at the earliest and submit a report to the Government, to take further action in the matter.

8. The Director of Treasuries and Accounts and Joint Director, PPO, Hyderabad are requested to furnish all relevant material to the Inquiry Authority and Presenting Officer to conduct the inquiry urgently.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**Dr.SAMEER SHARMA**  
**SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FP)**

To  
Sri Janak Raj. IPS (Retd.) Commissioner of Inquiries,  
General Administration Department and Inquiry Authority.  
Sri Jagan Mohan Goud, Joint Director of Treasuries and Accounts O/o the Director General, Dr. MCR HRDI, Hyderabad and Presenting Officer through the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad.  
All the Charged Officers through the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad.  
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad.  
The Joint Director, PPO, Hyderabad.  
Copy to:  
The General Administration (CoI.R) Department.  
The Secretary to the Vigilance Commission, A.P.Secretariat, Hyderabad .

**:: FORWARDED BY ORDER ::**

**SECTION OFFICER**